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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 19, 2002 kindly enter the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously present. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

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1. (Amended) A ready to eat consumer food product having the beneficial effect of reducing high cholesterol level ranges comprising;

at least a first beneficial soluble fiber component provided in an amount of approximately 1 to 3 grams per serving size is selected from the group consisting of oat flour, oat bran, and beta-glucan;

at least a second beneficial component selected from the group consisting of beta sitosterol, stigmasterol, campesterol, ergosterol, beta sitostanol, campestanol, stigmastanol and fatty acid derivatives thereof; and

wherein ingestion of the ready to eat consumer food product containing a combination of said first and second beneficial components provides a serum cholesterol lowering effect.



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